

Port Arthur Has Fallen. Official Dispatches Yesterday Confirmed Previous Report.

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## EMPEROR HONORS JAPANESE OFFICERS

Togo Has Declined Reception Offered By Municipality.

### NAVAL PLANS ARE DISCUSSED

Togo Attends Funeral and Reads Eulogy Upon Men Who Were Killed While Serving Under Him at Port Arthur—Other Far Eastern News.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—10 a. m.—The emperor has presented Vice Admirals Togo and Kaminura with a number of articles, including watches formerly worn by himself.

Admiral Togo declared the reception offered him by the municipality of Tokio on the ground that the time is not ripe for such a function. Vice Admiral Togo will devote his time while in Tokio conferring with Marquis Ito, president of the privy council; Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy; Vice Admiral Ijimi, assistant to the general staff; Rear Admiral Saito, vice minister of marine, and other members of the imperial naval staff, upon the plans for the future conduct of naval warfare.

Vice Admiral Togo today attended the funeral of a number of officers and men who were killed at Port Arthur while serving under him. He read an eulogy upon them.

### Russian Army Comfortable.

Mukden, Jan. 2.—N. Kovtch Danchenko, who has returned from an inspection of the quarters occupied by the Russian officers and privates at the front, says:

"One could hardly imagine a greater contrast than afforded by the hungry, tired army that settled down here after the battle of Liao Yang, and the army now resting south of Mukden. The men live in dug-outs, although some of the huts are above ground. There is little difference between the men's and the officers' quarters. Everybody is well fed and comfortable. The dug-outs are all shell-proof, and each has a stove with sleeping ledges around the sides. The men are provided with bedding, warm underwear, mostly of Chinese manufacture, and Chinese boots. Bath houses are provided. The officers and men partake of the same fare, which is distributed twice daily from the camp kitchens. A ration consists of a pound of meat and two and a half pounds of bread, with tea twice daily. There are short rations of sugar, but the shortages observable are sugar, leather and sewing materials. There is little sickness, owing to the care taken with the drinking water."

### Russian Church Dynamited.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A letter to the Lokal Anzeiger from Gracow describes the attack recently made with dynamite on the Russian church at Rasen, Russian Poland. The church walls and the graves were destroyed. A military force surrounded all the public buildings in the place within an hour, and the crowd, numbering 1,600 persons, gathered at the scene singing revolutionary songs. Pistols were discharged and presently a military force appeared under the command of Colonel Beltoff, who rushed in a state of intoxication from the officer's club and immediately ordered the troops to fire on the crowds. A workingman shot the colonel dead and the adjutant bayoneted the assassin and then rained blows on him with the butts of their rifles. There were ten soldiers injured. A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger also says that the monument to Emperor Alexander II was recently destroyed by dynamite. The police are searching the houses at night for anarchists.

### Work Starts on New City.

Stitzgerald, Ga., Jan. 2.—Captain D. C. Welch has left for the site of the new colony, St. George, on the St. Marys river. A corps of surveyors will go next Tuesday to the site and actual work of mapping out the new city will commence. The site selected is on the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad, and the town will have the advantage of railroad facilities from the first day.

## MUST ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

So that Ginners May Control Information as to Crop.

Atlanta, Jan. 2.—The Georgia cotton ginners and those of neighboring states gathered in the assembly room at the Piedmont hotel Friday afternoon some fifty strong, the meeting having been called to order by President Taylor, of the Cotton Ginners' association.

President Taylor informed the gathering that there were about 30,000 ginners in the south and asserted that if they would stand together, keep their information and allow no secrets of the trade to escape, the planter and not the eastern market would, within a short time, control the price of cotton.

Touching upon the inclination or the necessity of the planter to sell his cotton at the prevailing price, he also declared that there was scarcely a planter in a state who was in any danger—hardly a planter who would have to let his accumulated bales go. He asserted that the greatest harm coming to the cotton planter was the guess work done as to the crop.

Two vice presidents were chosen from Georgia to attend the next convention of the association to be held in Dallas, Tex., unless the place of meeting should be changed, and the two vice presidents, together with those in attendance upon the meeting, to become missionaries throughout the state in behalf of the organization. The vice presidents named were Hon. Charles Moses, of Coweta, and Hon. C. A. Hartwell, of Newton.

As to the government's report on the cotton crop, President Taylor said: "The government report on the cotton crop is totally incorrect. These reports are about as far wrong as anything I know. Many ginners did not count their bales correctly, often adding many hundred bales more than they had in reality ginned. In many instances the number of bales ginned was actually guessed at. I have come to the conclusion that I and the other ginners were chumps for giving out the reports."

President Taylor left Friday night for Dallas, Tex., where there will be a meeting of the executive board Monday.

## ARE AGAINST CONTRACTS.

Fourteen Brands of Pig Iron Tenderable Against Speculation.

London, Jan. 2.—The pig iron merchants of Great Britain have made an agreement whereby the contracts of certain specified brands of American pig iron will be tenderable against speculative contracts in the United Kingdom.

Fourteen American brands are listed, of which ten are from Alabama and four from Tennessee. The new arrangement will allow the delivery of American brands instead of British in the event of any attempt to establish a corner in the latter.

## LESS COTTON TO BE RAISED.

Farmers of Sumter County, Ga., Will Reduce Acreage.

Americus, Ga., Jan. 2.—Farmers of Sumter county will go energetically to work next Monday morning and the New Year will dawn upon hundreds of negroes and mules in the cotton fields of Americus.

Dozens of farmers were in Americus completing purchases, supplies needed to start the plows going, and the first work day of the new year will find hundreds here at work.

Little is said yet regarding the reduced acreage another year, but it is evident that not nearly so much cotton will be planted as last year. A majority of the farmers of Sumter sold the greater portion of their crop at satisfactory prices and will, therefore, begin operations upon a cash basis.

## Fence Causes Double Tragedy.

Ozark, Ala., Jan. 2.—A double tragedy occurred at Midland City, in the eastern part of this county Friday afternoon. Arch Pope and his brother, Jesse Pope, had a falling out over a line of fence, and the former shot and killed the latter with a pistol. After killing Arch, Pope went home and committed suicide by taking strychnine. The Papes are among the most prosperous and prominent people of southeast Alabama. Both men leave a family.

## FIRE IN CHICAGO DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Much Property.

### ESTIMATED AT HALF A MILLION

Explosion Hurled Firemen in Air, Tears Up Street and Sidewalk—Electric Light Wires Down—Panic on Elevated Railway.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Fire today destroyed the 7-story building on West Van Buren street, occupied by the Cash Buyers' Union. The loss is estimated at half a million dollars. The fire was discovered on the second floor of the building.

Spreading rapidly the fire soon assumed large proportions. Feeling that the whole district was in danger, a second alarm was sent in, closely followed by a series of extra calls for additional men and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing company, a 4-story structure, the firemen were ordered to the roofs of the adjoining buildings to fight the flames. Within a few minutes the flames had gutted the structure and had spread to the Boston Rubber Paint company. Then the flames spread to 160 and 162 West Van Buren street, causing heavy damage to the Peninsular Stove company, which firm occupied the seven stories.

So fierce did the blaze become that the burning sparks carried by a high gale were driven far over the district and buildings blocks away caught fire.

There was an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' Union building which tore up the street and sidewalk, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van Buren street electric car line down. Fortunately none of the firemen was injured.

Crushing down through the frail walls of the structure adjoining, the towering walls of the Peninsular Stove company and those of the Cash Buyers' Union buildings tottered and collapsed.

A series of small explosions followed the fall of the walls. A two-story frame dwelling at 160-168 West Van Buren street, occupied as a rooming house, was crushed like a shell by the falling walls. The inmates had been awakened earlier and escaped to the street, but were unable to save any of their clothes.

The stables occupied by Fortune Bros. Brewing company was gutted. The horses were saved.

There was a small panic on the Metropolitan elevated railroad when the motormen rushed their cars through the smoke. The passengers tried to get out but were held in check by the guards.

The windows of the residences across the street were shattered by the heat and the chimneys were thrown down by the concussion of the explosion.

### Punishment Demanded for Chief.

Constantinople, Jan. 2.—The American legation has sent another note to the porte pointing out that the brigands who looted a caravan belonging to the American house of MacAndrews & Forbes, of Smyrna, near Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey recently, have not been punished yet. The note demands that prompt instructions be sent to the government of Zor, the district in which the outrage was committed, to arrest and punish the followers of the notorious Kurdish chief, Ibrahim Pasha, who looted the caravan.

### Bark Caught in Storm.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 2.—The bark Cordellera, Captain Carlson, from Swansea for Havana, with a cargo of coal, was towed into port with her top masts, yardarms and canvases gone, in addition to a bad leak on the port side. The bark was caught in a hurricane on Dec. 27 off Dry Tortugas and was carried off her course and lost. She ran into the hurricane when 60 miles off Havana, and ran before the storm. Thursday night, when it started the master, signed Pensacola. He dropped anchor and waited assistance.

## "HOOK" WORM KILLS ISLANDERS

Thirty Per Cent of Deaths in Porto Rico Caused by Parasite.

New York, Jan. 2.—A letter to the Herald from Major L. L. Seaman, who has been privately investigating conditions among the inhabitants of Porto Rico, states that the high death rate there and the anemia condition of the rural population are due to the so-called "hook" worm, known to science as "ankylostoma duodenale," which recently was stated to be highly prevalent in the southern states and all tropical countries. When fully developed, the worm sometimes attains a length of three-quarters of an inch. Exhaustive investigation by a medical committee show, according to Dr. Seaman, that the disease produced by the worm has caused more than 30 per cent of the deaths in Porto Rico.

The parasite is really a bloodsucker. Its development requires about two months, and its work in the intestines has been found to greatly reduce the red corpuscles of the blood. Some of the patients examined by the commission showed, under microscopic tests only 25 per cent of the normal amount. One man had only 13 per cent. The blood bore a pinkish tint, almost as light as water.

At least 90 per cent of the rural population on the island is asserted to be affected by the ravages of the parasite. Three or four doses of thymol or of beta-naphthol have generally achieved the most successful treatment.

## HID BODY IN THREE PLACES

Negro Put Woman in Well, Ground and Swamp.

Greensboro, Ga., Jan. 2.—Details of a killing that was perpetrated at Siloam, this county, last Monday night, have just been learned.

It seems that Bertha Jackson went to a negro frolic at a church near Siloam with Joe Colby, and at this frolic the negro boy and girl had some words, but afterwards, to all appearances, the matter was smoothed over. Bertha Jackson was not to be found Tuesday or Wednesday, but relatives supposed that she and Joe Colby had gone off somewhere together.

Thursday came, and still neither of the negroes were to be found, so foul play was suspected, and relatives of Bertha Jackson began to search for her. She was found Thursday evening about 2 miles from Siloam, dead in a swamp.

According to reports, the negro man first killed her and placed her in a well, then got her body out of the well and buried it in some woods. Not satisfied that his crime would not be detected here, he again moved the body to the swamp, where it was found. Joe Colby has fled to parts unknown.

## NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

The Shanghai customs revenue for the fiscal year amounts to over one and a half million pounds sterling.

Atlanta health officers have condemned during the year foodstuffs in pounds running into six figures.

The strike at Baku continues. The street cars have been stopped, the wires cut, and no newspapers are being published.

A new battery for the fire alarm system which has been installed in the city hall of Rome, Ga., cost the city about \$700.

Macon, Ga., will have a factory for the manufacture of malted milk. The enterprise will use all of the available milk that can be sent to Macon.

The wife of John McDow, a negress living in West Rome, Ga., gave birth to triplets, all being girls. They were healthy babies and each when born weighed six pounds.

Governor Terrell has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of Allen Young, a negro, charged with assault with intent to murder Major C. F. Putnam, in Lee county.

Edna Wallace Hopper, star of "A Country Nurse," has announced her intention to donate the ground for the building of a home for newswomen in Oakland, Cal.

A bank with \$25,000 capital has been organized by the business men of Bowman, 12 miles from Eberston. This will make the last chain of banks in every town between Eberston and Two-ros on the Southern railway.

## HOUSES DISAPPEAR; FARMS DESTROYED

Great Devastation Caused By Moving Bog in Ireland.

### INHABITANTS NARROWLY ESCAPE

Everything is Covered with Water to the Depth of 10 Feet—Great Lakes is Forming and Disastrous Inundation Anticipated.

New York, Jan. 2.—Graphic details are being received of the devastation caused by a moving bog in the county of Roscommon, Ireland, says a Herald dispatch from London.

The bog, which is known as that of Cloonshiver, is 3 miles from Castlereagh. When it began to slide it moved three-quarters of a mile in a few days, covering everything in its way with water to the depth of 8 or 10 feet.

According to reports from the scene the peasants are surrounded on all sides with miles of bog and water. The inhabitants of Cloonshiver, a village in the valley of about 50 one-story cottages, barely escaped with their lives, the bog having moved upon them unawares.

Many of the peasants' houses have, continues the correspondent, wholly disappeared, while all that is to be seen of the others is the chimney tops. Here and there a leafless tree marks the spot from which well-tilled farms have disappeared practically forever.

At one point there is a lake of 13 or 12 acres which had been formed in the last few days by pent-up mountain streams. Unless some means is speedily adopted to drain off this water, it will undermine the entire bog and a disaster may be anticipated.

A later dispatch states that the lake is steadily extending upward toward a number of houses on the rising ground. The land attached to the holdings has already been covered over by the creeping bog.

## HUSBAND SHOT BY WIFE.

Accidental Discharge of Pistol Seriously Wounds George.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 2.—H. W. Schley, K. Schley, former representative of Chattahoochee county, is in a serious condition at his home in that county, about 10 miles from Columbus, the result of having been shot by his wife Friday morning about 6 o'clock.

Mr. Schley had been drinking, according to reports, abused and attacked his wife, advancing upon her with a chair.

The woman picked up a pistol, intending to make her husband stand back by simply exhibiting the weapon, but it was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering his left breast above the heart. His condition for several hours was desperate, but there is now thought to be a chance for recovery. His wife is prostrated over the sad occurrence.

## DEADLY DUEL IN ALABAMA.

Girl's Jaw Broken by Stray Shot During Fight.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 2.—W. H. Corput and M. L. Davis, farmers, fought a duel 8 miles out from the city Thursday night.

Both were shot with buckshot from double-barreled guns and both were desperately wounded.

A stray shot from Corput's gun hit a daughter of Davis and broke her jawbone.

Davis leased a farm from Corput which Corput wanted to sell, it is learned, and the trouble grew out of the inability to reach a settlement.

Corput shot four times and hit once. Davis brought down his man at the first shot. Details are meager, and no arrests have been made.

## No Coal Famine for South.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—Over 800,000 bushels of coal reached here today from the Kanawha river. Twice as much more from the same source is coming. By tomorrow the advance of the big shipment from Pittsburg will arrive so that all danger of a coal famine in the south is removed for the present.